

material exhibiting a variation of mechanical properties in a direction at right angles to a surface of the capping layer, characterized in that said variation of the mechanical properties is a continuous variation.

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11. (amended) A mobile telephone comprising a housing in which a printed circuit is arranged, characterized in that the printed circuit is provided with a synthetic resin capping layer comprising a foam-forming reactive injection-moulding material which constitutes the housing of the mobile telephone.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Final Official Action, claims 8 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Matsumoto et al, for the reasons of record. In response, independent claims 8 and 11 are herewith amended in order to more clearly and precisely define the novel and unobvious features of the instant invention, in particular by more precisely reciting that the synthetic resin capping layer comprises a foam-forming reactive injection-molding material. It is respectfully submitted that the cited and applied reference neither shows nor suggest such a material, so that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, now define an invention which is clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied art.